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1. On 2 March 1951, a convoy of 60 motor vehicles, including sedans, busses and trucks loaded with engineer equipment, was seen heading from Weissenfels (M 52/J 99) toward Jena (M 51/J 61).
 The troops on them wore black-bordered black epaulets. (1)
2. The Meiningen Hof hotel in Meiningen (M 51/H 82) has been taken over by the MO. No requisitioning of buildings to quarter Soviet troops or German Volkspolizei was effected in the town prior to 25 February. (2)
3. The Soviet troops stationed in Suhl (M 51/J 02) on 25 February were estimated at 500 to 700 men. They wore black-bordered red epaulets and were quartered in the high school building on Lasalle Strasse. (3)
4. All hotels in Oberhof were requisitioned as recreation centers for German organized laborers. There were no Soviet troops in the town. During the winter games in Oberhof, about 1,000 German Volkspolizei had been billeted in the requisitioned hotels. (4)
5. The hotels in Waltershausen (M 51/H 95) were still in the hands of their private owners.

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Comments.

- (1) The vehicles in the convoy included those of headquarters units of the XXIX Gds Itz Rifle Corps and of the corps's two divisions. The fact that sedans and busses were among the vehicles of the convoy is indicative of a command post exercise conducted by the corps's inner components. The information on the direction of movement of the convoy does not allow any conclusion as to where the command post exercise took place.
- (2) Elements of the 117th Gds Itz Rifle Regt of the 39th Gds Itz Rifle Div

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[redacted]
are stationed in Meiningen and were confirmed there
[redacted] until 9 February 1951. [redacted]

Regimental troops are probably employed in guard duty along the
zonal border.

- (3) [redacted] Suhl [redacted] unoccupied by Soviet
troops on 25 January 1951 [redacted]
Apart from the Soviet kommandatura, no troops had been observed
there previously.

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